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(c) Average number of patients not provided with beds per day is 23.

(d) No.

(e) Yes. The Surgeon-General has been asked to scrutinize the approximate plans and estimates which have been prepared for the construction of additional wards to provide more accommodation for clean labour and surgical cases.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know in what stage the proposals are and whether they have now been forwarded to Government? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know if the Hon. Minister will be pleased to expedite the proposals? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" As far as it is possible for me to do so, yes."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 4 *RE* POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT BOARD.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" Mr. President, under the proviso to Standing Order No. 4, I request I may be allowed half an hour after 5 p.m. to-day to enable me to raise a debate on a matter of urgent importance regarding the postponement of election of the President of the South Kanara District Board which was the subject-matter of question No. 656 answered to-day."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" I second it." 11-30 a.m.

* The Hon. the President:—" I think there has been a sufficiently large number of supplementary questions upon this particular subject and it has been practically proved that the Hon. Minister has no further information to give upon this subject. This motion is not going to be a censure motion but it is going to be a motion for securing more information and for having a discussion. I do not think the subject is so urgent as to take half an hour of the time of the House for discussing it. I think Dr. Subbarayan has tabled some short notice questions which perhaps will be answered later on.

III.—SELECT COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

* The Hon. the President:—" I have to announce that the following candidates have been duly nominated for election to the Select Committee to amend Standing Orders Nos. 28, 30 and 55:—

(1) The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili.
(2) Dr. P. Subbarayan.
(3) Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi.
(4) ,, W. K. M. Langley.
(5) ,, K. P. Raman Menon.
(6) Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan.

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" As the number of candidates nominated for election is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, six, I hereby declare the abovementioned members to be duly elected under Regulation II (4) of the regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote.

" I nominate Mr. M. S. Sreshta, a Member of the panel of Chairmen, to be a member of the Select Committee."

IV.—BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 11 OF 1934).

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The House will now proceed to discuss the clauses of the City Muncipal Act (Amendment) Bill. Hon. Members might remember that when we last adjourned we disposed of amendment No. 132. With that 132-A, 132-B and 132-C have been disposed of and also 133. Now we shall proceed to item 134 on the agenda."

Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI:—" From the list of amendments circulated to us you will find, Sir, that clause 5, section 6 (1) (4) and section 6 (2) are yet to be taken up."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I might remind the hon. Member that it has been decided that these sections ought to be taken up along with amendment No. 199. That is why I have not taken them up here. I request the hon. Member to move his amendment—item No. 134."

Clause 96.

Section 171-B.

* Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI:—" Mr. President, I beg to move the amendment standing in my name as follows:

' Delete *section* 171-*B*.'

Sir, it will be remembered that section 171-A regarding metering of house connexions was subjected to a considerable amount of discussion and as a result of that discussion it was deleted. If section 171-A is deleted, 171-B follows suit and it should also be deleted and for the reasons already given in the case of section 171-A it was considered undesirable to impose an additional burden on private owners by providing for meters. It may be stated that the first paragraph of section 171-B which provides that ' Where an owner or occupier applies for a connexion for the supply of water, he shall pay the cost of making such connexion as well as the cost of the meter, if any, and the charge for fixing it ' is necessary and should not be deleted. Sir, we find in section 169 of the original Act there was provision that ' the cost of making the connexion and the cost or hire of meters shall be borne by the applicant and shall be recoverable in the same manner as the water and drainage tax ' but this has been replaced by a revised clause which deals as to how when the applicant is not the owner of the property the cost of supplying these meters should be adjusted. As a matter